

CAPTAIN HARDING
SHOWS INCENUITY.

SOLVES A PUZZLING PROBLEM.

Gets a New Tin Roof in Spite of an Obnoxious Law—Colonel Biddle Again at His Desk—Other District Notes.

The ancient Daniel found a way in which to evade the unchangeable laws of the Medes and Persians, and a modern Daniel, in the person of Capt. Chester Harding, has discovered means to circumvent the rigid requirements of the District appropriation act. Apparently the new effort is quite as successful as the old.

The old police stationhouse in Georgetown was left on the hands of the District several years ago, when the Seventh precinct was removed to larger and more convenient quarters. The building has since been rented to Mr. R. W. Darby as a place of business. It was an old structure, and recently it has been necessary to put a new roof upon it, at a cost of about \$70.

How to pay the timer was the problem presented to the astute mind of the engineer in charge of the Building Department. Captain Harding foresaw an insurmountable obstacle in the way of the appropriation of the Auditor, if any attempt should be made to charge the expense to the appropriation for repairs to police stations, schoolhouses, and, in fact, to any other municipal buildings.

Hit Upon a Solution.

The thing seemed impossible of accomplishment, until in a happy moment, when the genial captain was toying with the nominal theorem and the differential coefficient in an endeavor to cipher out the problem, he hit upon the obvious solution by allowing the tenant to pay the cost of the repairs and turn in the receipt to the Collector of Taxes in lieu of the money.

Captain Harding lost no time in sending a recommendation to that effect to the Commissioners, who have approved the common-sense suggestion of their subordinate.

Col. John Biddle, the Engineer Commissioner, returned to the city yesterday morning and, after a short stay, resumed his duties in the District Building. He has been to Detroit, Mich., to attend the funeral of his father, William S. Biddle, who died suddenly last Friday morning.

Colonel Biddle stated yesterday that he missed seeing Captain Beach, the former Engineer Commissioner, who is now debarred to duty in Detroit, owing to his failure from the city on a trip to Duluth.

Lumber in Sewer Trench.

A claim has been presented to the Commissioners by John Jacoby, contractor for constructing the sewer, for the cost of lumber left in the sewer trench during the building of the tunnel. David E. McCumb, the Superintendent of Sewers, in a report upon the application for payment states that the specifications of the contract sufficiently cover the claim of the contractor.

The language of the specification is: "For lumber left in the trench no payment shall be allowed unless the same shall be specifically directed by the engineer prior to the refilling of the trench."

There does not appear to be any reason in the mind of the Superintendent of Sewers, on the basis outlined, for directing that the lumber be left in place, except for the section which lies beneath the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, for which an order has been transmitted to the contractor.

A Policeman's Reward.

As published in The Times, Charles Morgan was placed under arrest a few days ago charged with robbing a slot machine, the property of A. H. Strassburger. Morgan was afterward convicted in the Police Court and punished.

Yesterday the owner forwarded to Major Sylvester a check for \$5, to be paid to Private R. E. Galpin, for causing the arrest of the culprit. The officer will be allowed to retain all of the reward except 25 per cent, which will be credited to the Police Fund.

TYPHOID IN GEORGETOWN.

Defective Drainage a Menace to Public Health.

Typhoid fever has been prevalent in P Street, Georgetown, for some time past, and the District Health Department has been at a loss to ascertain the prevailing cause. The malady was especially persistent in the square between Thirtieth and Thirty-sixth Streets, though not confined to that locality.

It has now been discovered that the houses in question are provided with drainage by openings made directly into a public sewer, passing over a slot machine, the property of A. H. Strassburger. The investigation also showed that other houses in Georgetown beside those in which cases of fever were found are provided with this kind of drainage.

Dr. William C. Woodward, the Health Officer, has submitted to the Commissioners a report upon the subject, in which he takes the ground that the kind of drainage referred to is unsanitary, resulting in the prevalence of typhoid fever in several of the houses so drained, and being in the nature of a menace to the public health.

By way of dealing with the problem, Dr. Woodward informs the Commissioners that he is in doubt whether the owners of the property should be required to establish proper sewerage, or whether the matter should be dealt with under the head of defective drainage, and he asks the reason the Health Officer refers the question to the Commissioners, with a request for instructions.

THE CITIZEN HELPLESS.

The Telephone Company Forces Its Way to Private Premises.

According to the allegations of Talbot H. Barnard, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, through its employees, has been guilty of forcing an entrance to his premises, 4 Cook Place, and strapping wires over his property.

A portion of the house chimney, Mr. Barnard says, was destroyed, and eight wires just clear the eaves of the residence. The foreman of the crew was insulting to the owner of the house. Mr. Barnard desires to know by what authority the wires were strung.

The Engineer Commissioner has reported that the permit clerk can find no permit authorizing the stringing of the wires in the locality mentioned. He suggests that they might have been strung under a monthly permit granted the telephone company.

Leaves Estate to Relatives.

The will of Catherine E. Emmerich, dated May 2, 1894, and a codicil dated May 20, 1897, was yesterday for probate. She left her estate to her immediate relatives.

MILTON C. BARNARD DEAD.

District Supreme Court Adjourns as a Measure of Respect.

While Justice John Barnard was presiding in Criminal Court No. 2 yesterday he received news of the death of his brother, Milton C. Barnard. On the motion of Attorney Tracy L. Jeffords the court was adjourned. Justice Barnard left the City Hall immediately for the residence of his deceased brother, 2226 Sixth Street northwest.

When the news was conveyed to the justices presiding in the other branches of the Supreme Court of the District an adjournment was also taken in respect to the memory of the deceased. Mr. Barnard for many years was an active practitioner before the District courts.

Mr. Barnard was one of the most highly respected and accomplished members of the District bar. He possessed many estimable traits of character, which made for him a host of warm friends. He was unselfish and charitable and always ready to assist those who were in need of aid.

He was born in Porter County, Ind., fifty-three years ago and was educated at Ann Arbor University. He came to Washington in the early seventies and entered upon the practice of law as a member of the firm of Edwards & Barnard. He withdrew from the firm in 1890 and established a lucrative business as an examiner of titles to real estate, in which he was engaged at the time of his death.

About two months ago Mr. Barnard became ill, suffering from congestion of the lungs. After a short illness he died, leaving a large family. He was a member of the District bar, and his death is a great loss to the legal profession.

A CRITICISM AND ITS ANSWER.

Tax Collector Davis and Thomas Gilmer Exchange Opinions.

Thomas W. Gilmer, who takes great interest in public affairs, recently wrote to the Commissioners criticizing the form of receipt rendered by the Collector of Taxes. Mr. Gilmer declared that the receipt usually given is defective in two respects. He pointed out that the clerk stamping the receipt with the name of the Collector signs it with his initials, without any surname. Mr. Gilmer adds that no indication of the authority or official character of the clerk receiving payment is indicated by the initials.

E. G. Davis, the collector of taxes, takes Mr. Gilmer severely to task in a report just submitted to the Commissioners on the subject. Mr. Davis tells his superiors that all receipts issued from his office are conclusive and correct in form and in law. Each one of them, he says, carries the official stamp stating the fact and the time of payment. In addition to this stamp Mr. Davis says the clerk hand-writing the bill adds his initials by way of identification.

The collector asserts the idea that it is material to the taxpayer that he be advised of the identity of the clerk who personally receives the bill. He says that the fact that payment is made to a clerk in the office in the regular course of business relieves the taxpayer of anxiety relative to his indebtedness, and that the citizen and property owner is under no obligation to inquire into the status of the clerk receiving the payment.

STAMPING LAUNDRY TICKETS.

Chairmen Instructed to Place Directions on Torn Halls.

The police and the proprietors of the Chinese laundries are in a controversy at the present time over the manner in which the latter shall conduct their business. As a result of numerous complaints to the Commissioners by people who had forgotten where they had left their laundry the police were instructed to request the Chairmen to stamp their names and addresses upon all tickets and to enter in a book the addresses of all customers as they might leave their bundles.

This request has been pretty generally complied with, but in many instances only half of the name and address appears, as the stamping is done before the ticket is torn. Further instructions have accordingly been issued to the police to see that the stamping is done upon the portion of the ticket which the customer receives.

BUFFALO NOT WRECKED.

Safe Arrival of the Training Ship at San Juan Reported.

The rumor current in local naval circles during the past week that the United States training ship Buffalo, formerly the Brazilian dynamite cruiser, Nicholas, had been wrecked in the Mediterranean, with 400 hands on board, was disproved yesterday by a press dispatch from San Juan, P. R., telling of the vessel's safe arrival there.

Navy Department officials placed no credence in the reports in circulation, as no official confirmation exists. However, there were expressions of satisfaction yesterday when affirmative news of the vessel's safety was made known.

HIS SANITY QUESTIONED.

Negro Laborer Wanted to Get Off Train at Every Station.

James Smith, negro laborer, wanted to get off a train of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad yesterday at every station where a stop was made. Otherwise his actions excited interest. At this city he was arrested on suspicion of insanity by Special Officer Korman, of the railroad company.

The negro may be sent to St. Elizabeth's asylum, the city lunatic hospital. It is said of Smith that his mind is much impaired. Lieutenant Maize, of the Fifth precinct station, hailed with him last night, but learned nothing at all. Afterward Lieutenant Maize said:

"The negro is evidently in need of treatment. His mind is not at all normal. He worked for a time along the railroad in the back country of West Virginia. His people, I think, live in Virginia. That is all we know as yet about the prisoner."

WANTS THE CITY SEARCHED.

Police Asked to Recover a Stolen Baby Carriage.

"If you see anyone with a baby carriage with green plush lining and several screws loose, hold him and call for the police," is the message Harry L. Botscher wants to send to every citizen of Washington. The carriage was stolen Wednesday night from in front of Mr. Botscher's residence, 225 Second Street southeast.

Yesterday morning he called at Police Headquarters and asked the co-operation of the department in recovering the missing vehicle.

Knocked Down by a Street Car.

The battle and confusion of unusually heavy traffic at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street northwest about 11 o'clock yesterday morning bewildered Thomas M. Petty, who was run down by a Capital Traction car and injured. He was taken to the hospital.

Bears the Signature of Charles H. Hatcher.

The signature of Charles H. Hatcher, a well-known local artist, is on a piece of paper found in the possession of a man who was arrested yesterday morning at the corner of Twelfth Street and Georgia Avenue southeast.

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NEW CONSTITUTION COMPLETED.

Resolutions Opposing Ship Subsidies

and Favoring Chinese Exclusion

and Educational Test for

Immigrants.

The United Textile Workers of America held another interesting session yesterday in Typographical Temple. They have completed the new constitution, by which all the different organizations which have been united are hereafter to be governed.

They showed their interest yesterday in national legislation by denouncing the ship subsidy bill and favoring Chinese exclusion, and advocating an educational test for all alien immigrants.

These resolutions are as follows:

"Whereas it is evident that the bill known as the 'ship subsidy bill,' which failed in former Congresses, is to be again brought forward in the next Congress, with details slightly changed, but main points as before; and

"Whereas the United Textile Workers of America, in the interest of large corporations which are its chief backers, and offers no benefit to the producer, the wage earner, or the shipper, and instead of bringing new concerns into the shipping business, has a tendency to keep them out by giving a monopoly to those already in; therefore,

"Resolved, That we, the United Textile Workers of America, condemn this ship subsidy bill as the worst form of class legislation, in that it proposes to tax all the people for the benefit of syndicated interests, whose overwhelming coffers show that they are abundantly able to take care of themselves;

"Resolved further, That we stand by the doctrine of 'equal rights to all and special privileges to none,' and oppose all forms of subsidies and gratuities to private interests;

"Resolved, also, That the secretary be directed to send a copy hereof to all members of Congress;

"To Exclude Chinese.

The following was adopted regarding Chinese exclusion:

"Whereas, recent events have increased the danger threatening the American workers by Mongolian labor; and

"Whereas the Chinese exclusion law expires in 1902; and

"Whereas the country is suffering severely from Chinese and Japanese cheap labor; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That Congress strengthen and re-enact the Chinese exclusion law, including in its provisions all Mongolian labor;

"For an Educational Test.

On the subject of immigration, the convention took action as follows:

"Whereas an educational test for alien immigrants would reduce the immigration of those of a low standard of life, whose competition is especially injurious to the wages of American workmen;

"Resolved, That we, the United Textile Workers of America, urge upon Congress the passage of a law requiring the immigration of persons of high moral character and high educational attainments;

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CHURCH FUND AUGMENTED.

Successful Entertainment for Benefit of St. Martin's Parish.

A progressive church party was given last night at Carroll Institute for the benefit of St. Martin's Church, the new parish at Bloomingdale. The members and friends of the congregation turned out in large numbers for the occasion, and did all in their power to swell the receipts by donations of prizes or cash contributions.

The members of the arrangement committee, and those who have charge of the affairs of the new church are hard workers. Their energy is soon to bear fruit in the cornerstone laying of the new church edifice.

Carroll Institute Hall was crowded to the doors. Rev. Father Eugene Hannan, who had the supervision of the affair, was much pleased with the generous response of his friends, and the members of the ship subsidy bill and favoring Chinese exclusion, and advocating an educational test for all alien immigrants.

Those who had the affair in hand were: D. V. Chisholm, manager; Joseph Dierker, M. A. King, John C. Weidman, William Groverman, James H. Johnson, Jr., Bernard Waters, J. C. V. Smith, M. J. Sica, John C. Foley, Louis V. Wolfe, Joseph L. Kee, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Groverman, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Van Doren, Mrs. J. C. V. Smith, Mrs. McIntyre, Miss M. A. Brown, the Misses Torrence, Miss Weidman, Miss Noonan, Miss Cord, and Miss Kee.

A MYSTERIOUS HIDING PLACE.

Colored Groom Extracts Dollar for License From Nether Extremity.

"One dollar." This was a demand made by Harvey Given, assistant clerk of court, yesterday afternoon, as he finished filing out a marriage license for Daniel Napper and a dusky maiden named Lucibetha Tinsley, who accompanied him to the City Hall.

"Wait a minute," said the prospective groom, as he turned from the desk. He stooped down nearly to the floor, and Clerk Given leaned over the desk to watch him. Suddenly Napper straightened up. "Here it is," he said, and handed a \$1 bill over to the clerk. Where the money was secured Mr. Given said afterward he could not determine, but it looked very much to him as if it were either in the man's shoe or in one of his socks.

Napper and the bride-elect were accompanied to the City Hall by a half-dozen friends. The bride, however, was the center of attraction while she remained in the clerk's office. She was dressed in a dark skirt and a white waist. On her head she wore a large white hat, adorned with a profusion of white plumes. Having procured the license, the couple went to a nearby justice of the peace and were married.

GOV. TYLER'S AID ENLISTED.

Issues Directions in regard to Cruelty on Oyster Dredges.

War has been declared upon the vicious captains of oyster-dredge boats that may be scouring in Virginia waters. An edict has gone forth from Governor Tyler, in the name of the State officers along the water fronts to use every endeavor to bring to justice those responsible for the brutal treatment of Edward Herzog. The latter is slowly convalescing at the Emergency Hospital from injuries that for a time it was feared would prove fatal.

In a letter to Major Sylvester Governor Tyler states that the State officers will hereafter look carefully into all similar cases, and see that justice is meted out to the guilty. The letter was sent in reply to a communication which Major Sylvester sent to the Executive of the Old Dominion, giving all information in the possession of the Washington authorities regarding the cruelty that was practiced upon Herzog.

A similar letter was sent to the Governor of Maryland, but as yet no reply has been received.

Printers to Make Merry.

On next Monday evening Columbia Typographical Union will give its annual entertainment and ball at Rifles' Army Hall. For several weeks the committee has been at work getting together one of the best programs that they have ever offered, and from the present outlook it promises to be a highly successful affair.

Their program contains the names of many favorite entertainers, including Prof. Jasper Dean, M. P. H. Harrison, Mrs. Joseph Chas. Sprague, W. H. Conley, humorist; Miss Isabel Shelton, character songs; Miss Marion E. Johnson, violinist; Miss Marie Hodgson, the dancer; Mrs. Arthur C. Dunn, soprano; Miss Violet Pierce, elocutionist; Thomas J. Quigley, tenor; and Prof. G. W. Harrell, auto-matist. Prof. Hinton's orchestra will furnish music for the dancing, which begins at 10 o'clock.

A Thousand Pressed Bricks Stolen.

A thousand pressed bricks, valued at \$20, have disappeared from a shed in the rear of the residence of Richard Callahan, 66 K Street northeast, as mysteriously as would a diamond stolen from a jeweler's tray. Mr. Callahan felt safety in the bulky character of his property and for several days did not visit the shed. When he did so, much to his surprise, he found it vacant. The property has been reported to the police and a search is being made.

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